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Reports from Calcutta—Deaths from cholera and plague.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Sprague reports, May 4 and 12, as follows:

CALCUTTA, May 4, 1904.

For the week ended April 30, 1904, there were 103 deaths in Calcutta from cholera, one more than last week. It may be of interest to note that of this number 88 were Hindus, whose religion leads them to bathe regularly in the Hooghly River and drink thereof. The European population does not suffer from this disease, except that occasionally one is infected through carelessness or indiscretion.

The deaths from plague declined to 270, and from the daily report the decline is still in progress.

In the Presidency of Bengal for the week ended April 23 there were 2,040 cases of plague and 1,879 deaths.

In India for the weeks ended April 9 and 16 there were 61,666 cases with 47,759 deaths, and 59,137 cases with 46,812 deaths, respectively, from plague.

During the week ended May 7, 1904, there were 171 deaths from plague, against 270 for the preceding week. Cholera remains practically the same, about 100 deaths per week, much above the average, but still confined to the native population.

In the presidency of Bengal there were 1,332 deaths from plague during the week ended April 30, 1904. In India for the week ended April 23, 1904, there were 38,748 deaths. Punjab was the worst afflicted, with 24,714 fatal cases.

Inspection of vessels.

During the week ended May 7, 1904, a bill of health was issued to the steamship *Manica*, bound for Boston, with 2 passengers and a crew of 49, of which 29 were Lascars, whose effects were disinfected. There were three rejections. Bill of health was also issued to steamship *Angola*, bound for New York, with a total crew of 32, of which 2 were Chinamen; their effects disinfected. Both of these ships were fumigated for vermin, and rat guards were kept on the wharf lines while they lay at dock.

ITALY.

Reports from Naples—Inspection of vessels.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Eager reports, May 16 and 23, as follows: During the week ended May 14, 1904, the following ships were inspected at Naples and Palermo:

NAPLES.

Date.	Name of ship.	Destination.	Steerage passengers inspected and passed.	Pieces of large baggage inspected and passed.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.	Number of steerage passengers recommended for rejection.
May 10	Prinz Oskar.....	New York.....	933	200	1,260	12
11	Canopic.....	Boston.....	1,110	210	1,470	19
11	Sicilia.....	New York.....	849	90	1,095	19
12	Sicilian Prince.....	do.....	513	95	922	21
13	Koenigin Luise.....	do.....	632	70	930	13

PALERMO.

May 13	Sicilian Prince.....	New York.....	496	100	560	15
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